

BONUS BILL QUESTION UP IN CONGRESS

Finance Committee is Pessimistic

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The soldiers' bonus question bobbed up again today in the senate wing of the capitol, the military affairs commission devoting nearly two hours to discussion in executive session of the Bonus bill after which discussion was reached to hold another meeting tomorrow. Members of the finance commission which heretofore has handled bonus legislation expressed surprise when told the military commission members might discuss the measure "but that is as far as it will get."

Senator Bursum, Republican, New Mexico, author of the measure said he was hopeful of getting a vote at tomorrow's meeting of the military commission of his bill which provides a flat bonus payment of \$30 for each month spent in service by World War veteran and for the return by the government to the veterans of all insurance and allotments deducted from their pay while in the service.

The bill was referred to the military commission at the request of Senator Bursum when he introduced it several weeks ago.

Ready for Consideration
The house was prepared to consider today legislation to give effect to the British debt settlement agreement under a probable arrangement for debate which would make possible a vote by late in the day. Republican leaders held no doubt of the passage of the measure by an overwhelming majority.

Although a division in the Democratic vote appeared probable, Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, the minority leader in agreeing to consideration of the debt measure today when the unanimous consent motion was carried yesterday after its report by the ways and means committee, said there was no disposition on the Democratic side to delay action. Prospects today were that the administration shipping bill would be given preference in the senate for a time at least, when the debt measure goes to that body.

As amended and reported out by the house committee yesterday by a vote of 12 to 3, the debt measure introduced Wednesday by Representative Burton, Republican, Ohio, a member of the American commission not only would give congressional approval to the British debt settlement but also would authorize the commission to effect settlements "similar but not more favorable in terms" with the other debtor nations. The Republican members of the committee voted unanimously to report the bill while three Democrats voted against it and two favored it.

HOPES FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF IRISH PROBLEMS BRIGHTER

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—Hopes for a reconciliation between the Irish Free State government and at least an important part of the republican element were brighter today in consequence of the developments that led Richard Mulcahy, the minister of defense to offer amnesty "to all in arms against the government who will surrender their arms on or before Feb. 13."

The minister's proclamation was the result of Liam Deasy's appeal to other republican leaders to lay down their arms, as he himself has consented to do. Deasy, DeValera's chief deputy is one of several irregulars who have been sentenced to death. A few days ago, however, he signed an agreement for the surrender of arms and men, and was then permitted to issue a communication to several prominent republicans, including DeValera himself, Austin Stack and Liam Lynch asking them to take a similar step. Meanwhile stays of execution have been granted.

Look to De Valera
Just what will be De Valera's response to the appeal is unknown. However, it was said that he had through the medium of a newspaper interview reiterated his uncompromising hostility toward the free state government and his insistence upon a republic.

William Cosgrave, president of the Dail Eireann, left for London last night. His visit, undertaken in the company of Hugh Kennedy, the government's legal adviser, is reported to have considerable political significance.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Officials of the British government have received information that the Irish republicans are preparing for an extensive incendiary campaign in Belfast and six of the northern counties, says the Belfast correspondent of the Central News. The dispatch asserts that special precautions are being taken for the protection of property and that the police from several sources have learned of the arrival of irregulars in Ulster.

TULSA IS ROCKED BY TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 9.—A terrific explosion which shattered windows in the downtown business district and residence part of the city was felt here at 10 o'clock this morning. It was reported that a nitro-glycerin plant had been blown up and one man had been killed at Jenks, an oil town 10 miles from here.

Inspection of French Troops by High Officers Now is Familiar Sight in the Ruhr



General Hoerter inspecting French troops.

Residents in the towns of the occupied Ruhr district have become accustomed to watching inspections of French troops by generals and other high officers. General Hoerter recently inspected French troops in Dortmund. The German citizens look on in sullen silence.

MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS REPORTED IN PRISON AT CHIHUAHUA, MEX.

(By United Press)
HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 9.—Clara Phillips, escaped "hammer murderer," is in the state penitentiary at Chihuahua, Mexico, according to Lee Manning, federal immigration officer who returned Phil Alquin, Pacific coast criminal to America from Mexico.

"As soon as the Alquin case is off my hands I will return to Chihuahua and arrange for her deportation as well," Manning declared today.

Mrs. Phillips fled to Chihuahua as plans were being completed to rush her across the border from Juarez where she sought refuge after her sensational escape from a Los Angeles jail.

The woman went into Chihuahua after an overland journey by multiple train. Manning said Mexican officials had been warned of her coming and she was identified and locked up a few minutes after her arrival.

"We have assurance that she will be detained there until the state acts," Manning declared.

The arrest of Alquin was believed the key to the apprehension of Clara Phillips.

Dancer is Active

Catherine Urbis a Mexican dancer has been active to secure the deportation of both fugitives to obtain the release of her husband and brother-in-law, held in jail in Los Angeles.

Huerto Pescaro, brother of the Mexican consul general, to the United States was reported interested in the cases at the request of Mrs. Urbis.

Meanwhile Alquin was held in the Harris county jail pending arrival of Chief of Police Oaks of Los Angeles. He is wanted on a charge of murdering a detective sergeant.

AGREEMENT ON WAGE SCALE FOR WORKERS IN MINES EXPECTED

(By Associated Press)
BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—Agreement on the wage scale which will obtain between coal operators of northern West Virginia and the United Mine Workers of America, District 17, is expected to be reached today following the report of the special conference committee appointed yesterday. It is expected that the present agreement, which expires April 1, will be continued without marked change.

Operators are officially represented by A. Lisle White, Clarkburg, president of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' association, and by George S. Brackett, Fairmont, secretary. Spokesmen for the miners are C. Frank Keeny and Fred Mooney, Charleston, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the United Mine Workers of America, District 17. Delegates representing 25,000 miners and operators are in attendance.

Body Frozen in Ice Tug Disaster Victim

(By United Press)
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 9.—The body of a man found frozen in a block of ice in the lake near Dunkirk, N. Y., was identified today as that of Thomas Hewitt, 35, Cleveland, by Captain Philip Bradley, local manager of the Great Lakes Towing company. The victim's body was discovered by a party of skaters. They notified police. In it's ice shroud the body was taken to police headquarters. Hewitt went down with the tug Cornell, Dec. 23. The Cornell, bound for Buffalo, with a crew of eight men left Cleveland and was never heard of again.

TEXAS PASTOR WILL PREACH IN FAMOUS N. Y. CHURCH
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Rev. J. H. Randolph Hay, dean of St. Matthews Cathedral at Dallas, Tex., has been invited to come to New York as assistant rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, widely known as the "Little Church Around the Corner."

Wanda Charges Hubby Refused To Earn Living

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Failure to provide, brutality, refusal to work and dissipation of large sums of money she gave him were four of the grounds upon which Wanda Hawley, motion picture actress asked a divorce from Allan Burton Hawley in an action filed here yesterday.

Miss Hawley alleged she not only had to make her own living but had to make her husband's also; that he treated her with contempt; called her "a brainless fool," swore at her in the presence of others; criticized her personal appearance in public, abused and injured her by dragging her from an automobile, and told her it was none of her business when she asked him about reports that he was entertaining men and other women at his home.

She asked that Hollywood home valued at \$12,000 be awarded her. Miss Hawley, whose true given name is Selma, sailed for Europe from New York about two weeks. Her husband is said to be in New York.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS RETURN AFTER BOLT AND ENTER PROTEST

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 9.—Democratic members of the Indiana house of representatives who bolted yesterday leaving the house without a quorum returned today and were content with entering a protest against the action of the Republican majority in passing to third reading the general appropriation bill without allowing the minority an opportunity to offer amendments. Speaker Ray Morgan, ordered the protest entered in the house journal.

The documents presented by the Democrats declared the majority acts to be "in violation of the constitution" and objected to the "high-handed methods" employed in taking action on the appropriation measure. Republicans offered no comment on the protest.

Although it was the plan of Republican leaders to bring the appropriation measure before the house today for third reading the illness of some of the majority, necessitating their absence made a change necessary and it will probably be next week before the bill again comes to a vote. Leaders were very fearful today that the Democrats with their votes might be able to muster a majority.

The Republicans have 52 members but several were absent on account of illness.

OTHERS FACE ARREST IN GEORGIA RUM WAR

(By Associated Press)
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 9.—Three men were in jail and other arrests were expected today in connection with the activities of alleged whisky runners in the rum war in Georgia.

Federal Agent Forsyth and Fulton county officers and Atlanta police are co-operating in attempts to break up the illicit traffic, which was said by authorities to have assumed such proportions that law forces available were unable to cope with it.

Fred D. Diamuke, prohibition director for Georgia, although viewing the situation with alarm, asserted that some way would be found to break up the liquor "trains," consisting, he asserted, of from five to 10 liquor automobiles manned by 15 to 20 men armed with sawed-off shotguns.

The director declared his department was "helpless," and unless the condition improved machine guns and "baby tanks" now idle at Camp Jessup might be used against the lawbreakers.

The booze runners were said by officers to be carrying on a relentless and well organized campaign.

SAFE-BLOWERS TAKE \$51.62 AT STANDARD OIL COMPANY OFFICE

The safe at the office of the Standard Oil company, 1102 North F street, was blown either late Thursday night or early Friday morning. The robbery is believed to be the work of professional safe-blowers. Thus far officials at the office have missed but \$51.62, the total amount of money which was in the safe. Other articles which were in the safe were not touched by the crackers.

Police Officers Bundy, Lawler and Vogelsong found no clues Friday which might lead to the apprehension of the yeggs.

C. A. Wright, agent at the office, stated Friday that when he left the office Thursday evening after work, that he was sure that he threw the combination to the safe before departing.

Blow Off Lock

The outer door was opened by blowing off the small lock by what is thought to have been a charge of nitroglycerine.

Entrance into the office was gained through the warehouse and through a small window. Filing books and other office supplies which were stacked up in the office in front of the window had been moved out into the warehouse to allow entrance through the window into the room where the safe was located.

Employees Find Tools.
One large sledge hammer, long punch, brace and bit and a large monkey wrench were found on the floor of the warehouse by employees when they came to work Friday morning. The tools were later claimed at police headquarters by Carl A. Bage, blacksmith at 617 North Twelfth street. Mr. Bage stated Friday that the tools were stolen from his shop either late Thursday night or early Friday morning. He had not missed them until he heard that a number of tools had been used in the safe-blowing, then he made an invoice and found that his tools were missing.

Mr. Bage along with Ollie Ostheimer, who operates cigar store between Twelfth and North F streets, had noticed Thursday afternoon two men in a coupe who had been acting in a suspicious manner. Mr. Bage remarked to Mr. Ostheimer at the time that they had better remain at the store all night to safeguard the place in event of an attempt to rob the store.

Weather Forecast

FOR RICHMOND AND VICINITY
By W. E. Moore
Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Snow mixed with sleet or rain. The development of an extensive storm over the southwest will cause continued unsettled weather the rest of the week, with sleet, rain and snow at intervals.

Temperatures Yesterday at Pumping Station

	Maximum	Minimum
Yesterday	44	29
Today	26	26

Weather Conditions—The storm which crossed the great lakes Thursday night caused rain and snow over the central states. It is colder over the lake region and the northwest and temperatures are falling as far south as Kentucky. The storm over the southwest is moving slowly eastward causing rain, sleet and snow over the northern plain states and Rocky Mountain states.

For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau—Snow north and rain or snow south portion tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Paid Circulation
Yesterday, was
12,147

2 MINERS OF 122 ENTOMBED MAKE ESCAPE

Bodies Recovered Are Badly Mangled

(By Associated Press)
DAWSON, N. M., Feb. 9.—Two miners of the 122 entombed yesterday in Mine No. 1 here of the Phelps-Dodge corporation came out alive today. They walked out unassisted. As they neared the mouth of the mine they met a rescue party coming in. The men were Charles Candale and Filhi Martinez. They were in the fourth south tier of the property when the terrific blast came. They immediately put out the lights on their lamps with the intention of saving these for use in making their escape. This act undoubtedly saved their lives, mine officials pointed out, as it eliminated the chance of an explosion in their vicinity.

Candale and Martinez remained in the mine all night afraid to venture from the tier where they were standing when the explosion came. Today they decided to risk the dangers of possible death and walk out of the mine. The escape of the pair caused renewed hope that other miners inside were alive.

As the miners stepped from the workings of the property a cheer rang out from the eager group of watchers at the mine's mouth. Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning a temporary morgue was opened in an office building near the scene of the disaster. It soon was filled with relatives of the entombed men eager to identify the dead.

Bodies Badly Mangled

A number of the bodies were badly mangled and according to the company no complete identification had been made and no list of dead is ready for announcement.

There was a delay of an hour in the rescue work this morning while improvements on the mine motor to increase the ventilation in the mine was made. Officials said this betterment of the fan would make sufficient ventilation for rescue crews to explore all parts of the mine without danger of being overcome.

Encounter Fumes

Seven bodies have been recovered. Two bodies were recovered a short distance inside the entrance. The others were found a mile or more from the mine portal. Identity of only two of the bodies has been announced.

When the rescue crews entered the mine, they encountered fumes which seemed to permeate the property, and as a result, little hope was entertained that any of the entombed men would be found alive.

As soon as the entrance, which had been blocked by the explosion, could be cleared, exploration of the mine was begun under the direction of the manager and general superintendent. The first men reached were the motorman and nipper, who were only a short distance inside the mine. Both were dead. One was identified as Autonskie Kiriakos.

As ventilation was restored by construction of temporary stoppings of cross cuts, the rescuers proceeded into the mine.

They encountered numerous falls and considerable debris. At midnight the rescuers had gone approximately a mile under ground, but had not reached the actual working places of the miners.

122 Men in Mine.
One hundred and forty-one miners entered the mine yesterday, but 19 of them had checked out before the explosion, so that 122 men were in the mine when the accident occurred.

The mine was what is commonly termed in this district a "non-gaseous" one and was extensively equipped with a sprinkling system. The fire bosses who remained in the mine on the night preceding the explosion did not report any unusual conditions. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

The ventilating fan was so located and installed that it was not damaged by the explosion and continued in operation. The main force of the explosion passed through the intake airway which is the main haulage road and on reaching the surface demolished the concrete portal. Subsequently the haulage way caved in at that point.

The mine which was one of the smaller of the eight mines operated here by the Phelps-Dodge corporation had a capacity of about 500 tons a day.

Nine Believed Safe
For many years the mines here owned by the Stage Canyon Fuel company which in turn is owned by the Phelps-Dodge interests of New York have been recognized as among the safest in the United States. Every effort has been taken it is said to prevent such a catastrophe as occurred here yesterday.

Recently when the mine was inspected by inspectors for the United States Bureau of Mines, it was reported to Washington that every possible precaution had been taken to safeguard the lives of the men.

It was equipped with modern safety devices, ventilators and fans.

It is known that eleven fire bosses, whose duty it was to inspect the mines for any indication of fire or noxious gases were employed.

Between six and seven thousand persons reside in the town which primarily is supported by the activity of the mines. The company has gone to a great expense in caring for the comfort and well-being of its employees, having established schools, churches and recreation grounds. In addition, the homes for the most part are owned by the company.

Ten Ol' Timers Cast First Votes For "Honest Abe"

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Ten men who cast their first votes for Abraham Lincoln for president met yesterday at a luncheon party in honor of Lincoln's memory. Six others who had planned to attend sent regrets.

Warren C. Crane, host at the unique gathering, said he traveled from Illinois to New York, at a cost of \$100, to cast his ballot. Major George Haven Putnam, 73 years old, one of the guests, said he was only 20 years old and a prisoner in Libby prison, but that the officer in charge of the voting allowed him to cast his ballot on the ground that if he was old enough to be a prisoner of war, he was old enough to vote.

Others present were: C. A. Coutan, 80; Charles E. Foster, 83; George Palmer Putnam, 83; Charles Henry Paddock, 82; E. M. Stiger, 84; James T. Pratt, 85; John F. Cuyler, 84, and William B. Stout, 85. Messages of congratulations were received from President Harding and Robert T. Lincoln, son of the former president.

TURKEY TELLS ALLIES REVOCATION OF ORDER TO LEAVE IMPOSSIBLE

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 9.—Turkey today informed the allies it was impossible to revoke the ultimatum ordering all allied warships of more than 1,000 tons to leave Smyrna Harbor, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople stated.

The statement was made to allied representatives by Adnan Bey, in behalf of the Ankara government, the Telegraph said.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A report that the Turks now demand the withdrawal of allied warships from Ismid was received here today from Constantinople. The entrances to Ismid and Smyrna harbor are said to have been mined. Ismid, located at the head of the Gulf of Ismid, is 56 miles east of Constantinople.

The British and French naval craft now at Smyrna have been instructed to remain in the harbor, while the allied commissioners have demanded that the Ankara government countermand its order for the departure of the ships.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The night passed without word from Smyrna where allied warships are anchored under the guns of the Turkish fortifications, challenging the Moslems to make good their threat of opening fire.

Newspapers here put an optimistic interpretation on this lack of tidings, believing that the firmness of Great Britain and France in rushing additional fighting ships to Smyrna in the teeth of the Turkish ultimatum had caused another "back down."

The foreign office, lacking any dispatches from Smyrna, official or otherwise, let it be known that danger of a conflict is considered extremely unlikely now.

THREE FIREMEN HURT, INSTRUMENTS BURNED IN CLEVELAND BLAZE

(By United Press)
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 9.—Three firemen were slightly burned and thousands of dollars worth of surgical instruments were destroyed or damaged today in a three-alarm fire which swept the new five-story Commonwealth building.

The building, tied up for blocks in Euclid Avenue as firemen fought to check the flames. The fire fighters were in constant danger of suffocation from the dense smoke and fumes from medical supplies in the path of the flames. Practically the entire building contained offices of physicians, surgeons and dentists.

Three firemen were burned when they broke through a door in the basement. A sheet of fire swept out and enveloped them. As the firemen dropped, others rushed forward and shielded their faces from the scorching blast, dragged their comrades to safety. Firemen believe the blaze was started by an acid explosion in the basement of the Mayell and Hoop company, druggists.

FARMERS PREPARED FOR SPRING SEEDING

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Field work in most localities and much plowing and preparation of the ground for spring seeding has been accomplished in all southern and most central districts, as a result of mild weather in January. Some seeding has already been done.

The week ending January 20 was the sixth successive week, according to the weather bureau, during which the temperature was much above the seasonal average in all interior districts of the country, particularly in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions.

Some rain fell in the dry districts of the southwest, but more moisture was urgently needed throughout the western and central Great Plain states. Moisture was insufficient in the upper Mississippi valley and in parts of the southeast. Generous rains were received in the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys.

A normal water supply was restored in Penn. in ponds, reservoirs, and small streams by rain and melting snow. Dirt roads were rendered soft and muddy in the central and southern regions where heavy rains fell. The snow was drifted badly in New York by high winds during the third week of January, closing most roads to automobiles.

51 ARE DEAD IN CANADIAN MINE BLAST

Deadly Fumes Make Rescue Hopeless

CUMBERLAND, B. C., Feb. 9.—Fifty-one coal miners lost their lives when fire damp exploded in the second level of Mine No. 4 of the Canadian Collieries, two miles from here last night. It was estimated by mine officials that 21 bodies had been brought to the surface today.

One Chinese miner made his way two miles through smoke-filled passages to safety. A report that four others had been found alive could not be confirmed. Of the dead 29 were whites and the remainder Orientals.

Rescue parties worked all night in an effort to reach the men entombed by the blast—a forlorn hope, for it was apparent almost from the first that few could escape the deadly fumes that rolled along the tunnels.

Some of the men were killed out right by the explosion and tons of debris separated their bodies from the rescue workers. Fourteen men, all asphyxiated were found in a group in a remote part of the workings where they apparently had hastened in an effort to escape the fumes of the after-damp.

Air Cut Off.

Physicians, nurses and all able-bodied men in the community were rushed to the mine, but it was found that air had been cut off from that part of the workings in which the miners were entrapped.

The rescuers worked at great peril as a deadly gas was believed to have permeated much of the mine.

Cumberland is on Vancouver island, 120 miles northwest of Victoria, and the terminus of a railroad beginning at Victoria. The population is 1,300. Practically everyone went to the mine either to help in the rescue or to stand awaiting news.

Many women, wives and relatives, stood at the mine entrance, some tearful, others tensely calm. All night they kept their vigil, pressing feverishly about the rescuers as the bodies were brought out a few at a time.

The disaster was the second to occur in mine number 3 in six months. An explosion there August 30, 1922, took a toll of 13 lives.

ACTIVE EXPLOITATION OF OCCUPIED GERMANY TO BE MADE AT ONCE

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9.—Active exploitation of occupied Germany by France and Belgium is expected to be underway completely in a short time. Coal already is arriving by rail and water in spite of the rail strike. The technical preliminaries in connection with working the state forces have been finished and it is announced that Belgian firms will be invited to contract for the lumbering. Foreign concerns, including American and Canadian companies, will later be charged with the same work.

Dr. Ober, the burgomaster of Duisburg, has been arrested and jailed by the Belgian authorities. He was expelled last week, but returned home to resume his duties.

The French threaten to place an embargo on the export of manufactured articles, and steel and iron as well. They also threaten to forbid the importation of iron ore except from Lorraine.

The German industrialists assert that their plants will be forced to shut down within a week if imports of iron ore are cut off.

The miners are now receiving from 12,500 to 15,000 marks a day, with a bonus of 520 marks for wife and each child. The steel workers' wage scale of 1,200 marks an hour went into effect yesterday, retroactive to Feb. 1.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 9.—French soldiers, aided by tanks, broke up a demonstration at Recklinghausen yesterday, held in protest against the expulsion of the chief of police. Not a shot was fired.

Generally speaking, the Ruhr situation remains unchanged and is varied only by such incidents as this. German resistance is even more staunch than ever, while the French are endeavoring to organize telephone, by rail and by water.

The French report that agents from Berlin are canvassing the Ruhr villages and towns, urging the workers to resist and strike. The military authorities have decided to arrest and put in jail all members of the protection police who refuse to obey French orders.

Food Becoming Scarcer

Food is becoming scarcer and sugar is unobtainable here. The French plan to lift the duties from such food-stuffs as are now taxable.

The railroad strike is still complete throughout the entire area occupied by the French military. Except for a few military trains, the Rhineland, Ruhr, Treves, Mayence, Coblenz and Ludwigshafen divisions are at a complete standstill. Four hundred carloads of coal are now in the yards outside Duisburg awaiting transportation to France. Three trains left yesterday.

The forces of occupation have had more success in organizing the river traffic and now maintain a fleet of 21 tugs on the Rhine. The French have permitted three train loads of coal to be consigned to Switzerland to cross the Ruhr frontier at Bracklen. Another train destined for Holland was cleared from Friederichsfeld.

MOVIE STAR ENGAGED
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Colleen Moore, motion picture actress, confirmed reports last night that she was engaged to marry John McCormick, western representative of a film distribution company according to the Los Angeles Times.